large, they have not been made into municipalities, where the executive officers' salaries are very poor? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" The Government are aware of that position and Government are considering whether such panchayats can be raised to the status of municipalities. "

Purchase of agricultural tractors and ploughs.

* 48 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have purchased tractors for use in this Province;

(b) if so, how many;

(c) how do they propose to use them;

(d) have they purchased ploughs along with these tractors; and

(e) who is responsible for initiating this scheme?

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Out of 73 Crawler type Tractors indented for, only 40 have so far been received.

" (c) It is proposed to use the tractors for clearing and levelling new areas reported to be available for cultivation and the cultivated plots abandoned and left fallow on account of causes beyond the control of the owners. It is also proposed to use them for clearing silt in tanks and for bunding and terracing operations in the dry farming districts of Bellary and Anantapur.

" (d) Yes.

" (e) The Director of Agriculture, Madras."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know what is the amount the Government have invested in purchasing this machinery? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" Notice."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether it is a fact that they got tractors first but not ploughs? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" Subsequently we got them. "

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the machinery which has been purchased are to-day in a serviceable condition? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" Yes, Sir,"

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Are these tractors suitable for small holdings or for large holdings? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" What is the extent of smalling holdings you have in mind?"

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Say about 30 or 50 acres."

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" It would be useful, Sir."